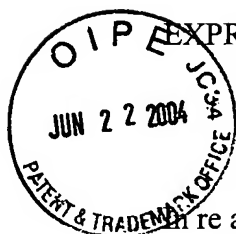


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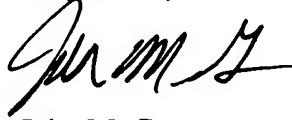
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Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2004.

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